

SOLDIERS RADIO / TELEVISION NEWS SCRIPT

THIS IS ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE – THE ROAD TO EARTH DAY. I'M JINI RYAN. THE ARMY'S GOAL IS TO PREPARE SOLDIERS TO FIGHT AND WIN AMERICA'S WARS. TO FULFILL THAT MISSION, SOLDIERS NEED SUSTAINABLE TRAINING LANDS WHERE THEY CAN PRACTICE MANEUVERS AND TEST EQUIPMENT FAR INTO THE FUTURE.

THE ARMY'S RANGES SEE ACTIVITIES FROM LIVE-FIRE TRAINING TO TANK EXERCISES. UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE AND LEAD FROM BULLETS POSE POTENTIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS TO SOLDIERS. HIGH INTENSITY VEHICLE MANEUVERS DAMAGE THE SOIL AND THREATEN THE HABITAT OF ENDANGERED SPECIES THAT CALL INSTALLATIONS HOME. ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS WORK TO ENSURE RANGES REMAIN VIABLE FOR FUTURE MILITARY TRAINING.

John Cornelius/ Natural Resources Mgt., Ft. Hood: "We have a responsibility to try to manage the land in such a way that it will still be here and still be healthy for the next generation and the next generation of soldiers and a way to do that is to try to keep the natural balance in the system. Endangered species are just one indicator of kind of the health of the eco-system."

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TRAINING ACTIVITIES LEAVE THEIR MARK ON AN
INSTALLATION'S LANDSCAPE. RANGE SUSTAINMENT
PROGRAMS SUPPORT FORCE READINESS – MAXIMIZING
ACCESS TO TRAINING LAND BY MITIGATING URBAN SPRAWL
AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRICTIONS.

Rich LeClerc/ Natural Resources Branch, Ft. Drum: “We’re going to ensure that the trainer gets his job done that he needs to get done. But we’re also going to ensure that that land, those resources, are available to the next trainer behind him and the next trainer behind him, because that’s what it’s all about is that long term sustainable approach. That’s what we have to bring to this.”

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JINI RYAN.